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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

### THE PROFITS OF "GAMBLING."

A gentleman named Patten has been operating a "corner" in corn in Chicago, and is said to have cleared up a couple of million dollars in the deal. The corner came to an end with the month of May; or, rather, on the 30th, which was Saturday, and that evening when the cleanup had been all made, he presented to Northwestern University, which is an institution under Methodist influence, near Chicago, \$150,000, wherewith to build a gymnasium. We do not, of course, know that the money given to the university is any part of the money won in the grain pit, but it is dollars to doughnuts that if the corner had gone wrong, as corners do more often than otherwise, the donation to the university would not have been made, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

We do not know that running a grain corner can be called gambling. The process is to first buy all the grain of the kind cornered that there is, and then induce those who do not know what you have done to sell you a lot more. Naturally, when they come to deliver they find that they must come to you for their supplies, and you fix the price so that they can make the delivery and have a little money left to begin life again. That is the ideal grain corner. The operator comes as near to doing that as he can. In his bargains, therefore, he is merely betting on what he thinks a sure thing, or a reasonably sure thing. We do not know that that is gambling. We are inclined to think that gamblers repudiate it as an improper practice. But that is the ideal grain corner. If it can be called gambling it is because experience shows that it fails to work out more than half the time, which probably gives it the element of chance required to make it gambling. But at any rate, money got that way is not got by the delivering of an equivalent in the results of useful labor actually performed, which some philosophers insist is the only way to get a perfectly square deal on both sides. It is evident that the money for the gymnasium of Northwestern University came from transactions which many excellent clergymen are accustomed to reprehend from the pulpit.

We are not intimating that the Northwestern University should have declined this gift. Far from it. We think it should accept all gifts of that kind which come to it. All we have in mind is to show that the heresy that money can be tainted has no more hold in the Methodist university on the northern limit of Chicago than it has in the Baptist university in the southern part of the city. In fact, we doubt whether it has a fast hold anywhere in Chicago.

## BROTHERS BEGIN CAREER OF CRIME

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—Thos. O. and James Young, twin brothers, one of whom shot and killed Policeman W. H. Hines on the Barbary coast early this morning, were identified today as the two men who held up and robbed two street cars of the United Railroads on the night of June 1st. Their father, Beauregard Young, is an inspector employed by the United Railroads. According to the police, both men admitted that each fired several shots, but James declared that it was his brother's revolver which ended the life of the policeman. Several sailors from the battleships Minnesota and Kansas, who were in the resort at the time, are being detained pending a further investigation.

## KILLS FAMILY AND HIMSELF

LABELLO, Mo., June 4.—Fearing that his home would be attacked should his early life of crime become known, is believed to have caused Bert McMillin yesterday to shoot and instantly kill his wife, Mrs. Mamie McMillin and two children, Frank, aged 5, and Opal, aged 6, and then a bullet through his own brain. The tragedy occurred on the ranch of Whitmore Thomas, near here, and was witnessed by two farm hands. It developed tonight that McMillin was at one time a member of the famous Dalton gang of outlaws that terrorized Western Kansas and Eastern Oklahoma fifteen years ago, and that his brother Gus, also a member of the gang, was shot to death in Oklahoma. Since coming here last October, McMillin has had very little to say to his neighbors, and it is believed he lived in constant dread lest his past life become known. It is said that Mrs. McMillin often confided to friends that her husband was constantly worrying and that she was at a loss to account for his actions.

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## DISMISSED SUIT AGAINST PITTMAN

OAKLAND, Cal., June 4.—Judge Melvin yesterday dismissed the suit brought by Henry Russ against Barton Pittman, the Columbia-Mohawk Leasing and Mining Company and others. The dismissal was the result of the showing made by Edward Myers, attorney for Pittman. Myers convinced the court that there could be no jurisdiction in the matter of a corporation doing no business and owning no property within the State of California.

The dismissal of this action for a writ of mandamus practically disposes of a lot of other matters in which the litigants are involved, especially a charge of perjury now pending against Pittman.

Several weeks ago it was announced that the Grand Jury of Alameda county would indict Pittman in connection with various Nevada promotions, but it has since been ascertained that no action will be taken by that body.

Pittman filed a suit several days ago for \$100,000 damages against Curtis and several other persons, alleging false arrest in a case which was recently dismissed in San Francisco.

## MINING SHOW PROVES FAILURE

NEW YORK, June 4.—The mining show, which opened last week at Madison Square Garden several days late because of delay in the arrival of the Nevada exhibit, closed last night, a dismal financial failure. The largest single exhibit was Nevada's, that State having appropriated \$6000 to demonstrate its mineral resources at the garden. A carload of Nevada exhibits is still somewhere on the road.

Albert Brady, Assistant Commissioner, in charge of the Nevada exhibit, stopped payment today on a check given to William M. Porter, general manager of the show. James D. Ryan, president of the Amalgamated Copper Company, staked five miners from Butte, Mont., to \$100 each today to return home. The prize team of drillers from Globe, A. T., who had expected to get money from Manager Porter, are rustling for funds. A similar show here last year was a failure.

## FINDS BODIES OF MURDERED MINERS

SAN BERNARDINO, June 4.—F. W. Swain and his son, George W. Swain, are believed to have been murdered in Death Valley several months ago. Walter Scott, the noted Death Valley miner, brought the news of the finding of the bodies of two men fifteen miles northeast of Mesquite springs. There is every indication that the men were murdered. They came out from Indiana fifteen years ago in search of gold and have been prospecting ever since.

Scott discovered the remains, which had been badly mutilated by coyotes. Near by were the remains of two burros and two sorrel horses. There was plenty of grazing and water in the vicinity, and the theory is that the men were first murdered for the money which they had upon their persons and the horses were slain to allay suspicion.

Relatives in Sacramento, Los Angeles and Bluffton, Ind., were badly worked up over the long absence of the Swains, who were widely known on the desert. From the description of the remnants of clothing found on the remains, the relatives feel positive that the slain men are Swain and his son. They left Los Angeles last fall for the Death Valley country, with the intention of spending the winter and spring in prospecting.

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